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ILLICIT TRAFFIC

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CHAPTER VIII. ILLICIT TRAFFIC (Form of Annual Reports E/NR. Form/1983)

Paragraphs

A. GENERAL

90. Illicit traffic in drugs: Yes.

Illicit cultivation, harvesting, manufacture; diversion from licit channels

91a-92b. No.

93a-b. Very small-scale illicit cannabis plantations were detected in Espoo, Hanko and Hollola.

94a-95b. -

96a-b. Illicit manufacture of about 6 kg of amphetamine using the Lencard-reaction was discovered in a clandestine laboratory in Urjala. Chemicals (benzylmethylketon and phenylaceton) used were smuggled in from the Netherlands.

97a-b. Diversion, through thefts from pharmacies and forged prescriptions and leakage from hospitals, was reported in different parts of the country. Some thousands of doses of various medical drugs were involved.

Smuggling

98a-b. Small quantities of drugs, mainly cannabis, were smuggled in directly to abusers for their own consumption.

Trafficking

99. Cannabis abuse was detected in many parts of the country. Pharmaceuticals were also abused, either alone or in combination with alcohol. The majority of the illicit drugs was smuggled into the country from abroad, and in some special cases, Finland was used as a transit area for smuggling narcotic drugs to other parts of Europe.

100a. Drugs seized in 1983:

	Weight/quantity	Number of seizures
Morphine	0.1 ml	1
Heroin	90 mg	3
Synthetic narcotics	small quantity	-
Coca leaf	13 g	1
Cannabis	7 kg 180 g	9
Cannabis resin	2 kg 394 g	149
Amphetamines and other stimulants	3 kg 2 g	10
Barbiturates	-	85
LSD	15 doses	1

100b. There were no marked fluctuations during 1983 as compared with the previous year.

Prices and purity of illicit drugs

101a-b. Wholesale: -

Retail:

	MK	US$*/	
Cannabis	50 - 100	9 - 18	per g
Heroin	2 500 - 3 000	450 - 540	per g
Cocaine	2 000 approx.	360	per g
Amphetamine	300 - 500	54 - 90	per g

101c. -

101d. Diluents and adulterants: sugar of different types.

Prosecutions

102. Not available.

103a-b. No.

104a-b. Twenty foreign citizens were involved in drug offences.

B. ORGANIZATION OF ENFORCEMENT

105. Organizations responsible: Ministry of Interior (Police); Ministry of Finance (Customs), and Ministry of Social Affairs and Health.

106. Specialized units: Ministry of Interior (Police) and Ministry of Finance (Customs).

107. Close and daily co-operation - defined by a decree - exists between Police, Customs and frontier-patrolling authorities.

108a. The office ensuring liaison on a national basis forms part of the services responsible for the National Central Bureau of ICPO/Interpol.

108b-109b. -

Suggestions

110a-b. No.

*/ Rate of exchange: MK 1 = US$ 0.18